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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Thousands will take to the streets of the borough this weekend to mark Remembrance Sunday.

And for the people in Faversham, the traditional two-minute silence will give the townsfolk time to remember the 470 servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

BY NICK AMES

AS the country prepares to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice during conflicts past and present, ambitious plans to revamp Faversham's war memorial have been unveiled.

Around 470 people from the town lost their lives in the two world wars and on Sunday a parade will honour them with a service being held as well.

And to ensure their memory never fades, Swale council has been working on an improvement project at Stone Street War Memorial and Gardens which will take place over the next three years.

The plans include a special wall carrying the names of all of those who died while serving the nation.

Consultants Groundwork Kent and Medway have drawn up some improvement ideas and these are now ready to present to the public.

They will be on show at The Alexander Centre on November 14 and 15 between 10am and 4pm and Swale councillors say they want to hear from residents as to which they think is the best.

Proposals for the improved site include a new curved path, lawn and trees. But the most important is a curved wall which will bare the names of those from the town who died serving their country.

The position of the main stone memorial in the garden is yet to be decided.

One proposal calls for it to be situated slightly back from one corner to allow service personnel and veterans to stand nearby for the Remembrance Day service. The other calls for

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COMFORTABLE WINNER: The Sleeping Dragon bench by seating specialists Chaircreative

Alun's Sleeping Dragon bench is sitting pretty

■ BY NICK AMES

FOR many a bench represents just one thing – a place to park your backside to take the weight of your feet.

But for one man, designing the bench has become something of an art form.

And so successful has he become, his company, based on the Belmont Park Estate in Throwley, has just scooped a top award for transforming a hunk of wood into something rather special.

Creative designer Alun Heslop is the man behind seating sculpture specialists Chaircreative.

And sat proudly on his mantelpiece is the award for winning the prestigious furniture category in the 2008 Wood Awards.

The Wood Awards was launched more than 30 years ago as the Carpenters' Award and is now Britain's premier award for wood in buildings and furniture.

The aim of the Wood Awards is to recognise, encourage and promote outstanding design, craftsmanship and installation in wood. It is assessed by architects, designers and specialist writers.

Mr Heslop received the accolade for his Sleeping Dragon bench commission which the judges described as "a superbly executed and imaginative piece which fits perfectly into its surroundings".

What's more, much of the wood used in the piece was sourced locally. Chaircreative is dedicated to producing innovative designs in furniture.

Mr Heslop said: "I am absolutely delighted to have won this award and extremely pleased that this project has received such recognition."

"Sleeping Dragon was a wonderful commission, and brought with it the opportunity to work on a large scale."

Sleeping Dragon is an 8.5-metre oak and stainless steel bench, overlooking a natural pond within a 10-acre private garden.

Commissioned to celebrate a couple's 30th wedding anniversary, it takes pride of place in their garden in Bedfordshire.

Mr Heslop said: "Chaircreative is dedicated to excellence. The emphasis is on creating exceptional seating which performs ergonomically and aesthetically."

"Our wood is sourced as locally as possible – the ash I use is grown on the Belmont Estate. This award provides fantastic encouragement to continue to push the boundaries, exploring what can be achieved."

Have your say on memorial garden

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it to be placed centrally in the garden. Cllr Mike Cosgrove, who has chaired the project's working party also confirmed funding for the proposals. He said: "When you see Graham Davey's excellent designs you will know what a difficult task we have had in making a choice."

Also involved in the scheme are Swale in Bloom, Abel's Acre, the British Legion, the town council, and Friends of Faversham Cottage Hospital.

Cllr Cosgrove added: "Given Swale council's responsibility for the war memorial, the garden, and their maintenance, I have agreed an initial sum of £5,000 to support the design and consultation."

"Each year we see more people attending the Remembrance Sunday parade, and believe about 470 servicemen and women from Faversham, including 30 from Davington, gave their lives in the defence of our freedom."

"Therefore, this scheme is a fitting tribute to them and their sacrifice."

"It is now time for the public to have its say on the designs."

"We would be especially interested to hear the views of schoolchildren."



CHOICE: The two memorial garden designs



From hut to a home

PROPOSALS to turn the old Sunday school and Scout hut in Solomons Lane into a residential home will be discussed by Swale council's planning department tomorrow (Thursday).

The application calls for the building – which is no longer used as a meeting place – to be turned into a home. The site lies within the town's conservation area and adjoining properties are residential.

A new development of six homes on the site of a former gymnasium has just been completed nearby.

Faversham town council is recommending that the application be approved.

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An explosive night of gunpowder art

BY NICK AMES

TODAY may not see any "treason and plot" in Faversham, but gunpowder is certainly in the air as local artist Gary Wells creates drawings from explosives.

His unique performance will be given at Chart Gunpowder Mills and to celebrate the museum will be open between 7pm and 9pm.

Gary Wells is a renowned local artist whose first experience of fireworks was in Malta, where his family lived from 1959 to 1965.

His experimental "fire art" sees gunpowder placed on a chosen surface and then lit.

The resulting explosions and shapes and patterns they cause, then form the work.

Catherine Herbert, Swale council's arts and heritage officer, said: "Art has the capacity to bring to life areas of real importance and heritage in Swale."

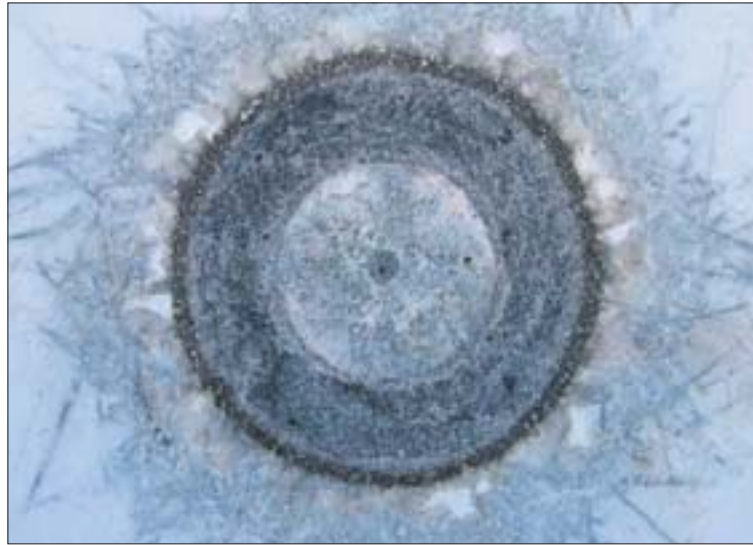
"Art can be a powerful tool for engaging and encouraging local communities to express their needs and aspirations, and a great tool for bringing people together to appreciate the wonderful heritage that is on their doorstep."

"Therefore, it is always fascinating to have arts events on heritage sites, and this Guy Fawkes' night I hope we give the visitors to Chart Gunpowder Mills something to 'remember'."

Chart Gunpowder Mills, off Stonebridge Way, have been at the centre of the nation's explosives industry for 400 years.

The 18th century mills are the oldest of their kind in the world and powder from them was used at the battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo.

The performance starts at 7pm and is weather



FIERY EYE: This gunpowder wheel is one of Gary Wells explosive artistic designs

er dependent. For further information call 01795 417426. Meanwhile, emergency services are once again issuing appeals for those staging private fireworks displays this week to take extra care.

Parties across the borough are set to be held today – November 5 – and for the remainder of the week.

It is expected to be particularly busy at the

weekend after last Saturday's appalling weather forced many people to abandon their plans and delay them for a week.

The RSPCA is also urging people to be considerate towards cats, dogs and other animals.

The animal protection charity says animals can be frightened and confused by noisy fireworks and encourages all pet owners to keep their animals inside during the evenings.

Mystery lingers over OAP death

INVESTIGATIONS into how pensioner Anne Gregory met her death continue this week after a post-mortem examination proved inconclusive.

The 81-year-old, from Churchill Way, Faversham, went missing on October 25, sparking a massive police hunt.

Police dogs, tracker teams and a rescue helicopter were all used in the search for the missing pensioner after family members raised the alarm.

Her body was found shortly after 10am on Friday in the Iron Wharf area.

However, a post mortem on Monday failed to determine a cause of death, although police say it is not suspicious.

The discovery on Friday brought to an end a frantic few days for her distraught family, with her two adult children making an appeal for help in finding her during the week.

Dozens of people helped the search and police chiefs paid a tribute to the community for their assistance in the search.

An inquest into the death is due to be opened and adjourned tomorrow (Thursday).

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Swaine's 1969 book reprinted for posterity

A BOOK entitled Faversham Conserved, the 1969 record of the town's building heritage by architect Anthony Swaine, is once again available to buy.

Reprinted by the Faversham Society, the original book has long been out of print and rare second-hand copies have been changing hands at £20 to £25.

The work has been especially popular with architects and historians studying the evolution of towns in the mid 20th century.

It is also worthwhile as a guide to see what has actually been lost in the 39 years since it was written.

Faversham Conserved was one of the first detailed town conservation studies ever produced and was commissioned by the former Faversham Borough Council before the authority's replacement in the 1974 local government reorganisation.

Mr Swaine, now in his 90s, is still practising as an architect in Canterbury.

The reprint, at £8.95 or £10.95 by post within the UK, is available from the Faversham Society at its base in Preston Street.

Any profits go to the society's work for local conservation.

Pool sessions idea dead in the water over funding fears

PLANS to offer free swimming sessions for children and older people have sunk due to concerns over costs.

The Government is promoting and funding a scheme for two years which would allow local councils to opt in to provide free swimming for under-16s and over-60s.

But Swale council chiefs have followed in the footsteps of a growing number of local authorities and blown it out of the water, claiming there would be a huge funding shortfall which the taxpayer would have to foot.

Health chiefs had backed the idea saying it encourages the under-16s and over-60s to improve their fitness and was part of a string of schemes introduced in the run-up to the London 2012 Olympic Games.

But they will not be coming to the

pools in Faversham, Sittingbourne or Sheppey. Cllr Gerry Lewin of Swale council said: "Although we expressed an interest in the free swimming scheme, we stated in September this was subject to knowing the full implications of any deficit in the funding offered by the Government."

"We have decided not to participate in free swimming for the 16 and under age group or for the 60 and over age group."

"The decision was reached after careful consideration."

"Although the concept of encouraging swimming is one that, in principle, this council supports, this particular initiative carried significant financial risks which meant we could not agree to participate."

The council added that concessionary entry fees are in operation at all the pools it runs.

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NEWS IN BRIEFEnvironment concerns at
the heart of business

A GREEN business conference in Canterbury has proved a huge success.

Business4theEnvironment saw 34 of the district's firms sign pledges to make their working practices more sustainable.

Reviewing transport policy, selling fair-trade products, improving waste management and appointing an environment champion are just some of the pledges made.

Clive Relf, chairman of C4B's environment group said: "This shows how many local businesses are working quietly behind the scenes to develop sustainable practices."

Inspections will identify
dangerous headstones

HEADSTONE inspections begin this week in Canterbury and Whitstable cemeteries.

It comes after incidents elsewhere where children have been killed and adults injured by to unstable grave markers.

Any headstone found to be dangerous will have a support unit fixed for six months to allow time to arrange repairs.

If it remains a risk after this time, the support device will be removed and the stone laid down on the grave space. For more information, contact 01227 862490.

Regulars boost charity
with walk in the woods

CUSTOMERS of Ye Olde Beverlie have proven generosity goes a long way.

The Shepherd Neame pub at St Stephen's Green has donated nearly £3,000 in the past year to local charities.

Landlord Daniel Seamons said: "We also raised £1,000 by organising a sponsored walk in aid of the John Graham Centre in Blean, which helps children with learning difficulties. Regulars from the pub had a great day out walking round a three-mile course through Clowes Wood."

Speeding drivers warned
in Safer Autumn checks

POLICE carried out speed checks at accident hotspots last week.

The action forms part of the Safer Autumn campaign, which this year is focused on protecting young people.

During the checks, 18 warnings were issued to drivers breaking the speed limit in Greenhill, Chestfield and Whitstable.

Two people were fined for failing to wear seatbelts and one motorist received a penalty for speeding at 44mph in a 30mph zone.

Turkish delight as Phil's team takes bronze

Young archer
aims for the
top and 2012
Games glory

BY GARETH ARNOLD

A TEENAGER from Herne Bay has glory at the Olympic Games in his sights after returning from his first world archery event as part of the medal-winning British team.

Phil Gower was part of the team in Turkey which returned with a bronze medal. The 15-year-old, who competes in the cadet series, is now ranked fifth in the world in his age group.

He competed as part of the British cadet archery team with fellow archers Jake Bunce and Lewis Humphries at the Youth World Championships in Antalya, Turkey.

The modest Canterbury High School pupil, who fits hours of training and competitions around his schoolwork, says he was surprised

to get so far, despite missing out on the semi-finals by millimetres.

Phil said: "It was a very tense match. Lots of people watching said it was the best match of the tournament. In archery, there is only one match going on at a time so everyone watches it."

"We shot two ends of six arrows, and drew. Then it goes to the highest score with one arrow. We both shot tens. So we swapped ends and again, we both shot tens. Then it goes to closest to the centre. Again, we both got tens, but the judges decided his arrow was closer."

"I wasn't expecting to get as far as I did. This was my first world championship, so I was really going just to see what it was like



SHARP END: Phil Gower's team won bronze in Turkey

and get to know how it works.

Phil and his team-mates got through to the final eight archers, losing to the eventually victorious American team.

He got into archery though attending Canterbury Archery Club with his father.

Phil said: "I was just looking for something to do with my time. Then, as I kept going, I realised I was actually quite good. You need to be calm and patient. You have to clear your mind, but you don't think about the shot."

"I shoot about 200 arrows a day, more if I have time. That takes about two hours. I'm lucky the school is so supportive and allows me the time to train. My PE teacher, Mr Brooks, is great."

Phil's next big competition is the indoor world championships in Poland early next year.

Still lounging at The Farmhouse

LOUNGE on the Farm organisers are looking to sustain the festival vibe throughout the winter months by opening a new music venue. The Farmhouse in Dover Street, Canterbury, already has a string of top-name bookings in the run-up to Christmas.

What's more, you can take a look around the venue courtesy of our free broadband TV website www.yourkenttv.co.uk. Simply search 'Canterbury'.

Inspirational Carpenters' ex-frontman Tom Hingley will perform at the venue on November 14, followed by former Specials singer Terry Hall the following week. Organisers are also trying to tempt Billy Childish and his Musicians of

the British Empire to play a Christmas gig. Co-founder Matt Gough said The Farmhouse's feel echoes that of the Lounge on the Farm festival.

"Dedicated to decadent drinks and luscious, locally-sourced seasonal grub, alongside gigs and guests from across the musical spectrum, the intention is that The Farmhouse will put the high points of the festival at your constant disposal – seven nights a week," he said.

"Much like the ethos of the festival, the venue will bring the finest artists and DJs from across the country back to Canterbury, filling a gap in the cultural offerings of the city."

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WINTER WARMER: Shake Shed staff are ready to serve you – but don't forget to take along a scarf to donate

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

SHOPPERS can get involved in some sweet charity this month at Shake Shed, which has organised a drive to help the district's homeless.

From Saturday, people can take scarves into the quirky milkshake store at 18 Sun Street, Canterbury, and exchange them for a warming hot chocolate from a new range created by staff.

Jenna White, director and general milkshake maker at Shake Shed, said: "The purpose of our campaign is to help everyone keep warm this winter."

"All our generous donors will be warmed-up by our delicious hot chocolate drinks while the donated scarves will help to keep Canterbury's homeless warm."

"The free hot chocolate initiative lasts until November 16, but we would still like to encourage shoppers to visit Shake Shed and drop in any scarves they don't want so we can donate them to the Scrine Foundation."

The Scrine Foundation is an established charity which has recently come through a

period of financial trouble due to grants from Canterbury council and the NHS.

Scrine operates a night shelter, drug, alcohol and mental health services, supported housing, and helps homeless people with education, training and medical services.

Every year the charity helps more than 300 people into housing, education and employment.

Cath Harris, fundraising manager at the Scrine Foundation, said: "We are delighted to be part of Shake Shed's initiative to help keep Canterbury warm this winter."

"The campaign is a great example of how Scrine and local businesses can work together to help raise awareness for those people in need in east Kent."

"Winter is one of the hardest times of the year for Canterbury's homeless, so I can assure you that all scarves donated to Shake Shed will be gratefully received."

Every scarf brought into Shake Shed will be donated to the Scrine Foundation which will in turn give them out to Canterbury's homeless. To get a free Shake Shed hot chocolate, from a choice of more than 100 flavours, all customers have to do is go in and give a scarf to Shake Shed staff.

yourswale NEWS IN BRIEF

Man groped soldier's wife at hospital unit

PERVERT Ashley Gilbert groped a soldier's wife while she was lying on a trolley at a minor injuries unit.

Gilbert, 22, of Forrester Close, Canterbury, had been to a wedding, on August 31, with the woman and friends from the city's Howe Barracks. She fainted and was taken to Kent and Canterbury Hospital because friends knew she was epileptic. Gilbert admitted indecent assault when he appeared before Canterbury magistrates.

The court heard Gilbert sat with the young mum after her friends had gone. She was lying on the trolley in her underwear and woke up at about 3am.

Gilbert started talking to her and rubbing her breast through her bra. She pushed him off when he put his hands lower.

Max Reeves, defending, said his client had a mental age of 15. "He is extremely remorseful for what he has put this lady through," he added.

The case was adjourned until November 19 for reports.

Dogs' charity needs old blankets and duvets

AN URGENT appeal from the Dogs Trust Canterbury rehoming centre is calling for old but clean blankets for dogs in their care.

Centre manager Lizzie Reffell said: "We are urging everyone to see if they have any spare or unwanted clean blankets or duvets as we are running critically low."

"Many of the dogs at our centre have not had the best of starts in life and a clean blanket is an essential provision for every dog we look after."

If you are able to make any donations, please send them to Dogs Trust Canterbury, Radfall Road, Chestfield, near Whitstable, Kent, CT5 3ER.

Jasper's fined £5,000

THE owners of Jasper's restaurant in Church Street, St Paul's, Canterbury, have been fined £5,000 for serving hot food after hours.

Sera Ltd was ordered to pay £1,987 costs and a £15 surcharge, and also fined £100 for not displaying its trading licence.

Restaurant manager Ali Bulut was fined a total of £500 plus £60 costs and a £15 surcharge.

Canterbury magistrates were told council officers visited the restaurant twice after hours to find it packed with customers.

It was allowed to serve food up until 2.30am, but officers found customers were still being served at 2.45pm.

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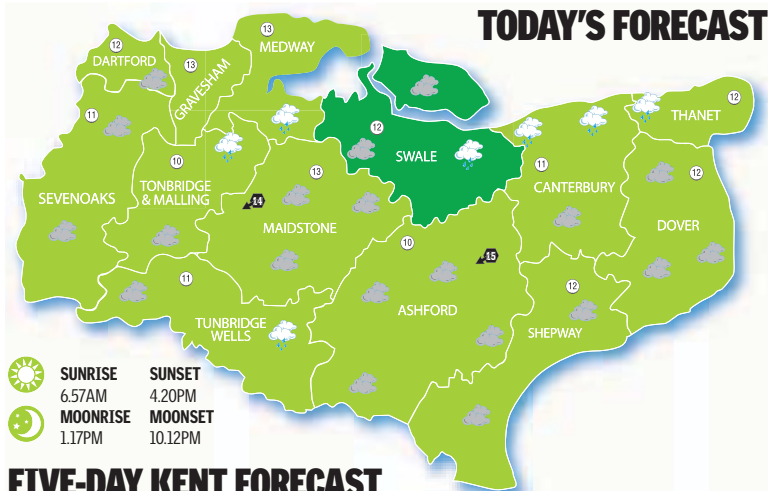
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A NEW car could be won in a competition at Sainsbury's in Sittingbourne during the week of the BBC's Children in Need appeal.

Light-fingered shoppers who fancy themselves as safe-crackers will have a chance to pocket the keys to a Mitsubishi Colt CZ2 – provided they can successfully break into a safe containing the keys to one of the sporting hatchbacks.

SMC Mitsubishi of Sittingbourne will have the car on display on November 12, 13 and 14, the last date being the official BBC Children in Need day.

The BBC's first broadcast appeal for children was a five-minute radio programme on Christmas Day in 1927.

It raised £1,143 18s 3d and the proceeds were shared with four prominent children's charities.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

KATE ROACH



Q How has your fundraising drive for the NSPCC been going so far?

A We have only been involved since February this year, but our group has raised £12,500. We got an email from NSPCC head office asking how we'd done it.

We don't want to take all the glory. We have a great team of volunteers who we meet on a regular basis to discuss ideas. We have also had Folkestone marine cadets involved. They use our land in the summer and have helped us out at fundraising events in Folkestone and Canterbury. I think it's important to get younger people involved.

Q What is the secret to your success?

A We run it like a business. We are lucky to have the space to have a dedicated office area for the NSPCC work, so it makes it easier to keep track and organised. People say, "You must be getting paid for this", but we are volunteers.

Q Why do you think people volunteer?

A It's depressing when you turn on the news or read about the latest atrocities being committed somewhere. This is a good antidote.

We have people who aren't on the books, but they do a bit here and there because it is uplifting. People find it helps them keep things in perspective.

You read about the breakdown of society and how there's no community spirit any more, but



this is proof it still exists. Just in our little village we were asked along to the church fete – which is to raise funds for the church, they are in desperate need of money too – but they said, "Come along and do a bit of fundraising".

It is the same with the village hall fund. There's only a few people living here, but the last raffle we did raised £90. That's community spirit.

Q What are important things to remember with fundraising?

A It's important to build relationships with shops. We've built a good relationship with many local shops now. I've been going in and talking to the managers. Once it's on a personal level it's much easier to pick up the phone.

Q Which shops do you work with?

A We work with a lot of businesses. We've done collections in Debenhams, and we work a lot with the Whitefriars, who let us collect in the square where there are lots of people passing.

A charity car wash we did at B&Q raised nearly £900. It was a really good day, all the staff came out and had their cars washed, and we were helped by the Folkestone cadets.

At Morrisons we did a joint campaign with Age Concern called Through and Through Generations. We wore T-shirts with both Age Concern and Childline [part of the NSPCC] logos on them, which made people look twice.

We always write and personally thank managers of shops who help us.

Q How do you approach people when you are out collecting?

A We say hello to people, have a chat and give them a sticker if they want one. Some like to stop and talk to us, others just put money in.

The NSPCC is a very recognisable charity, and it's great the number of people who say they already have a direct debit set up for us.

Q Do you get any bad reactions?

A You get a few, but you have to remember that people are entitled to their opinions. If they don't want to give money, then that is up to them.

Q What are your plans for the future?

A A charity needs a focal point in an area. We would like to make this the NSPCC headquarters for Kent. People ask us where the headquarters are and we have to say Crawley, which is miles away. We are lucky here in that we have the room to offer people a place to meet. It used to be a smallholding, so we have a lot of buildings suitable for meetings, presentations and other things.

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Literary triumph from chronicles of disaster

BY NICK AMES

A SERIES of bizarre tales – some long forgotten – has been compiled in a new book by author Phil Mason.

His Kent Chronicles of Catastrophe and Disaster, just published by Countryside Books, collects colourful and strange incidents which have taken place in history.

These include a man run over 12 times by a train on the North Kent line and another train accident which almost killed Charles Dickens, near Staplehurst in 1865, when the Folkestone to London boat train hit a bridge.

Mr Mason, from Gillingham, has lived in Kent for 20 years and this is his sixth book.

He said: "It is not a dry chronology, nor does it pretend to be a comprehensive account of every terrible event."

"Instead I have chosen to shine the spotlight on the stranger, more curious and lesser-known side of Kent's history."

Also included are details of a First World War disaster when a munitions depot in Faversham exploded, killing 106 people.

Such was the force of the explosion that win-



NO FLOW: The time that Kent's River Medway dried up is featured in the new book by Phil Mason (far right)

dows were shattered over a 20-mile radius and the bang could be heard 50 miles away.

The first UFO sighting officially acknowledged in the UK took place over Sheerness in 1912, while in October 1134, during one of Britain's worst droughts, the River Medway dried up.

An unusual combat death is recorded when a pair of German aircraft attacked the Ashford to Lydd train during the Second World War.

A shot hit the engine and debris flew into the air, including the steam locomotive's funnel, which struck one of the attacking planes, causing it to crash in flames after it careered into telegraph wires.

The defeat of a French invasion at Sandwich is also examined, as is a torpedo which ran aground during testing and caused panic across Herne Bay.

The sinking of a paddle-steamer called the Princess Alice in the Thames is also recalled, as is a catalogue of disasters close to the Goodwin Sands.

The Princess Alice is the UK's worst-ever civilian shipping accident, as it claimed almost 800 lives.

Other tales include the loss of both Amy Johnson and Glenn Miller in mysterious air crashes, Caesar's invasion 2,000 years ago, the visit of Tsar Peter the Great and paranoia about a Nazi tunnel under the sea.

The author said: "Owing to its geographical position as the gateway to Britain, Kent has witnessed more than its fair share of great events."



'We are easing congestion on the school run'

A HOST of schemes designed to slash the number of school children being regularly driven to school is delivering results, county council chiefs claim.

Kent County Council has released figures which reveal an estimated 3,000 fewer pupils in the last academic year are being driven in.

In 2006/07, sample data showed 35.6 per cent of pupils were being driven to school.

For the 2007/08 school year, that figure had reduced to 34.1 per cent.

With more than 211,000 young people attending Kent schools, the council has hailed this as "a major step towards tackling congestion in the county".

It follows a number of schemes rolled out by KCC to supplement the Government-required school travel plans. Among them are:

- The Kent Freedom Pass – a scheme that allows students aged between 11 and 16 to travel on buses anywhere in Kent.
- Working with charity Sustrans to employ a Bike It officer in the Ashford area and encouraging cycling to school across the county.
- Working with bus companies to establish any issues around behaviour on buses and find solutions, so pupils, drivers and the public feel comfortable using them.
- Rating school travel plans to maintain interest and providing additional funding to support schools with 'platinum' status – achieved through introducing sustainable travel schemes.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "Nationally, walking and cycling to school has declined in the past 20 years so it is great that Kent is bucking that trend."

"KCC has worked with parents, pupils, teachers and transport companies to offer real alternatives and incentives for people to change their travel habits."

"Not only is it healthier for parents and pupils, it cuts down on congestion to keep Kent moving."



PAUL CARTER: Says Kent is bucking transport trend

Superbug infections in decline

A TOTAL of 269 patients in Kent and Medway caught the superbugs MRSA and *Clostridium difficile* between April and June this year.

However, the county saw 55 per cent fewer cases of the healthcare-associated infections than over the same period in 2007, the latest Health Protection Agency (HPA) figures show.

Nationally, C diff rates have fallen by more than a third, which officials put down to improved hand-washing and a clampdown on over-prescribing anti-

biotics. The figures are those combined from Dartford and Gravesham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells and East Kent Hospitals University NHS trusts and Medway NHS Foundation Trust, as well as Bromley Hospitals and Queen Mary's Sidcup trusts.

In all the trusts, since the period April to June 2006, the number of MRSA cases has gone down, from 68 to 34 this year. The number of patients with C diff has fallen from 502 in 2006 to 196 in 2008, the HPA data show. Laura

Probert, of the National Concern for Healthcare Infections, said: "Safeguarding funding for infection prevention and control can help as this is often the first pot that gets raided whenever a trust is in financial difficulty."

The campaigner, whose mother died from C diff at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, said KOS Media's campaign to highlight the importance of hand hygiene in the fight against killer bugs was important in raising awareness about hand-washing.



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■ BY NICK AMES

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LIBERTY CAPPED: Magic mushrooms are illegal

Not so mushroom for debate after law is tightened

FOLLOWING police seizures of so-called magic mushrooms this autumn, it is clear many people remain uncertain about the legal situation regarding the fungi.

There is a widespread belief that picking the hallucinogenic psilocybin mushroom is legal but preparing it for consumption in any form is not.

That is not the case. The Drugs Act 2005 ended the situation in which fresh magic mushrooms were legal but those which were dried or prepared for use were not.

The Home Office ruled the hallucinogenic drug was harmful to some users – especially vulnerable people and those with mental health problems – and acted to clarify the law.

Home Office Minister Paul Goggins said in a statement: "Magic mushrooms come under Clause 21 of the Drugs Act 2005. It is now an offence to import, export, produce, supply, possess or possess with intent to supply magic mushrooms, including in the form of growing kits."

Exceptions will be made for people who unknowingly pick the mushrooms in the wild or find them growing in their garden. Critics have argued the act is difficult to police.

Although some do grow in the wild, the vast majority of hallucinogenic mushrooms sold on the open market come from farms in Holland.

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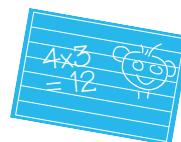
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The Schools Prom is billed as the number one opportunity in the UK to see the next generation of creative, innovative and energetic performers.

This year it will include participants from both Ospringe and Bapchild primary schools among the singers, aged between eight and 11.

The events will be hosted by composer Howard Goodall, acclaimed lyricist Richard Stilgoe and Capital Radio and Classic FM presenter Margherita Taylor.

The Kent Music Mashed Choir will be performing a new work at the event.

Composed by Andrew Lerner, Autumn Songs is a suite of four performances focusing on different aspects of the season.

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Enterprising youngsters learn about business

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

ICE cream entrepreneurs challenged the credit crunch at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School last week.

Sixth formers from Queen Elizabeth's, Faversham, and Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School, Canterbury, took part in an entrepreneurial challenge to set up their own ice cream production companies and learn valuable enterprise and employability skills.

They were involved in every aspect of operating a business including choosing company names, designing logos, selecting product flavours, taking on employees and bidding for orders.

Over the two days, students learned how to deal with banks and cope with the everyday pressures and dilemmas of the world of work such as production delays and complaints from workers.

Holly Waghorn from Simon Langton said: "I learned that I like to be in control. I now know a lot more about overdrafts and loans and understand how important it is to take a risk sometimes."

The challenge also included an evening of marketing, design and production with an exercise called Bric-a-Brac.

Teams were allocated a budget to design and sell a prototype product, with some sales negotiations being held in French, German and Spanish.

The winning group was Team Red C from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, who made the most money.

The event was run in collaboration with Challenge Training Partnerships and was supported by more than 20 local businessmen and women who acted as advisers.

Yvonne Arrowsmith, director of financial



BUYING AND SELLING: The students learnt about marketing, design and production during the challenge

disclosure European strategy at Pfizer Ltd said: "It's not only a development challenge for the students, but also for the advisers."

"It has impressed me how quickly the students form as a team, how soon they identify each others' skills and how rapidly they engage with the tasks they've been set."

"Each task enables them to identify a skill

which they then employ and develop as the day goes on."

Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School is particularly keen to recruit more business advisers for next year's management challenge and would especially like to hear from former pupils of the school with business expertise.

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In the Congo, blood-curdling atrocities are taking place leaving children orphaned or the victim. And if that wasn't enough, the world continues to teeter on the edge of financial meltdown as the stock markets drop quicker than Harry Redknapp's reputation in and around Portsmouth.

Throw in new scientific proof that the rise in temperatures at the North and South Poles can be attributed to mankind's influence on the atmosphere, and not just a natural cycle, and all in all it was a pretty strong news week.

Yet you'd be forgiven for not realising it. Because our newspapers, radio and television stations over the past ten days have been dominated by a misjudged phone call placed by

two over paid stars to the bloke who used to be the bumbling buffoon Manuel from Fawlty Towers. You really could not make it up.

Perhaps it was the glorious escape from day after day of doom and gloom about capitalism itself self-implosion... none of which most of us really understood, other than all our jobs were a little less secure. What could be the perfect tonic but a desperate craving for the blood of two celebrities for whom the credit crunch sounds more like a trendy type of apple than something to impact on their wealth?

Of course, there were some key principles at stake. Yes, the BBC has a responsibility to its licence fee paying public and yes, it was about time Jonathan Ross was exposed as the tired old bloated has-been he has become.

But the acres of news print and hour upon hour of broadcast space devoted to it, has been overkill on a level previously unheard of.

And the casualties seem to be mounting up at an alarming pace. First Russell Brand – a fine talent and whose radio show was, for those who had never heard of it before this fuss, an hilarious, witty treat which will be sadly missed – then the controller of Radio 2 and, at

the time of writing at least, the bank balance of the aforementioned bloated Mr Ross.

I could say we need to get a bit of a sense of perspective here. There are more important things at stake. And I'm sure Andrews Sachs – who has conducted himself with wonderful dignity – must surely be amazed that some messages on his voicemail have dictated the national news agenda for a solid week.

In fact, I will say it. We, as a nation, have this regrettable ability to whip ourselves into a ridiculous frenzy over things we suddenly attach society's core values to. But what benefit has losing Brand as a Saturday evening DJ or the controller of Radio 2 actually brought to society that a good old fashioned apology couldn't do? Precisely nothing, I would say.

In fact the only good is that I don't have to watch Jonathan Ross on the telly for three months. And the off button was always there for me to make that judgement without a baying mob doing it for me.

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TALK TIME

PAUL COTTON

Swale's new handyman helps perform safety checks for the elderly as part of the councils Staying Put service, and tells us what he finds rewarding about the job.



Tell me something about yourself

I am a person who likes to see things through to a conclusion. When I go and look at a job that has been passed to me that may be difficult to resolve, I do not give up easily. I will always try to look at alternative ways of doing things. If there isn't an obvious answer I will go away and spend time working out a solution.

How did you first come to be a handyman?

I am a qualified carpenter and was self-employed. Work dried up and I saw there was a vacancy for a handyman with Staying Put. I made enquiries but discovered that this was only a temporary post, I took it just to see if I liked it and did. I love helping people now it has been made permanent.

What is it you like doing or find rewarding about the job?

I find the job very rewarding. It is very satisfying to see clients who have been struggling finding things so much easier when they have the jobs done and the aids fitted to help them to continue living safely at home.

YOUR LETTERS



Barge arson a sad day for our heritage

What an awful, mindless action. The barges are very special boats, and their history is nationally important. In their way, the barges contributed as much to our prosperity in trade as the more 'glamorous' vessels such as the Cutty Sark.

I want to express my sympathy for those who have worked so hard to preserve this heritage.

Chris Beeson
Lancashire, by email



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Restore museum and barges to their former glory

It is a terrible shame that the fire which hit the museum in Swale has wrecked the collection of Thames barges and relevant artefacts.

This is one area of history that our towns can surely have as something of their own.

The Thames barges are a rich part of our traditions. Let us hope that something can be done to restore and repair the collection.

Maybe it is time for an application to the National Lottery to rescue part of our proud past.

Funding should be made available to ensure that this part of our maritime heritage is not lost forever.

Nigel Jackson
By email

Mindless thugs who did this must be caught

This is scandalous. I have lived in Sittingbourne for 40 years and never visited the museum.

Only last week I found out it was open again and was looking forward to paying a visit next year. I hope they catch the mindless criminals that are responsible, but sadly that will not bring back all that has been lost.

Max
violet_266@hotmail.com
Sittingbourne

Should we scrap our speed cameras?



Car safety reason for fewer injuries

The debate about speed cameras seems to be one which will not go away and I would like to add my own views.

Surely it is nothing to do with their installation that road accident victims have become fewer in recent years.

It must be far more likely that the increasing safety facilities in cars are the reasons that fewer people are being injured.

Better body structures and air bags do far more to stop injuries than cameras ever will.

Moir Stevens
By email

Speed cameras a motorway menace

As someone who frequently drives along the motorway up to



by the well-behaved youngsters going door-to-door with their parents. Teenagers don't bother so much now.

Of course, it is important the elderly are protected, but I firmly believe the vast majority of people respect that now.

So no more hiding – and stop being such a killjoy.

Grant Williams
By email

Resolve to help stave off threat of cancer

It might seem far away to your readers, but the New Year is only just around the corner and now is an ideal time to start thinking about your New Year's resolutions.

We have produced a World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) diary for 2009 that could will help you to keep those New Year's resolutions next year.

The diary is full of hints, tips and reminders to help you stick to that new healthy diet and active lifestyle throughout the year.

It also contains advice about what you can do to reduce your risk of

developing cancer.

The A5 hardback diary also has some delicious, seasonal recipes such as asparagus risotto and rhubarb syllabub, proving that healthy can be tasty at any time of year.

To order your WCRF diary visit www.wcrf-uk.org or call 020 7343 4205. Diaries cost £12 plus £1.50 post and package.

As well as helping you stick to your resolutions, the money raised will also help us continue to fund our vital research and education programmes into the links between lifestyle and cancer risk.

Lisa Cooney
Head of Education
World Cancer Research Fund

Core-us of disapproval over apple sculptures

Last week your letters page said the apple sculptures of Adam and Eve (left) were up to something only Russell Brand or Jonathan Ross would find amusing.

I never thought so at the time – but looking again thanks to Trisha Carter and her letter to your paper I now have a whole different slant on the picture.

No wonder they got chucked out of the Garden of Eden.

Roger Adlington
Faversham

Why we believe in a 20mph speed limit

Kent Green Party is advocating 20 mph limits for all residential areas.

The party argues that this will improve safety for pedestrians and



cyclists.

A survey of the introduction of 20mph zones across the UK and in other European countries found that child road accidents declined by 67 per cent, cyclist accidents by 29 per cent and traffic flow by 27 per cent.

The fear of dangerous roads keeps children indoors. 20 mph is the speed at which drivers can have eye contact with other users of the street, pedestrians feel safer crossing the road, children can play outside their homes and it is quiet enough to talk to neighbours.

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Dr Hazel Dawe
Kent Green Party



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BONFIRE NIGHT

Selected dates

Various venues



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Today Broadstairs sticks to its tradition of holding its celebrations on the day itself, with the hugely popular free November 5th Family Event. It will feature a small fun fair on Victoria Gardens from 5.30pm and free entertainment at the Bandstand from 6pm.

The spectacular firework display over Viking Bay starts at 8pm. Free programmes will be available. For details see www.broadstairs5thnov.event.org.uk.

Visitors can enjoy a spectacular fireworks display set to music above the Drill Field at Deal and Betteshanger Rugby Football Club in Canada Road, Deal, on Friday. Gates open at 6pm and the display starts at 7.45pm. Advance tickets can be purchased from the rugby club bar before midnight on Thursday priced at £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. Gate prices will be £4/£2. Find out more at www.dealandbettesfc.org.uk.

Leeds Castle near Maidstone is offering a variety of exciting events to choose from, with plenty of fun for all the family.

On Friday the Music and Light Firework Spectacular, suitable for adults and older children, will see the castle lit up by a musical firework display with lasers and projected images. Gates open at 5pm and the display starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16.

On Saturday and Sunday families can enjoy falconry shows and jousting tournaments before the Legend of Excalibur Firework Spectacular in the evening. Gates open at noon and the firework display starts at 5.30pm. Tickets cost £16 for adults, £10 for children aged four to 15 and are free for under-fours.

Pre-booking is essential, call 01622 880008 or see www.leeds-castle.com.

There will be more events taking place across the county on Saturday. Groombridge Place (pictured) near Tunbridge Wells will present a firework display choreographed to the songs of Abba and Queen, along with a mini Victorian funfair, a fairground



SPECTACULAR: Groombridge Place will host a fireworks display to the tunes of Abba and Queen

organ and refreshment stalls.

The fun starts at 5.30pm with the opening of the funfair, which will be open until 10pm. A ceremonial lighting of the bonfire will precede the firework display at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £9.95 for adults, £8.45 for children and seniors and are free for under-threes. Buy tickets on the gate, online at www.groombridge.co.uk or by calling 01892 861444.

The firework display at the Museum of Kent Life at Sandling, Maidstone, will be set off by

Hollyoaks star Jake Hendricks, who is appearing in the Hazlitt Theatre's pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

The event starts at 4pm and the last admission will be at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £7 for concessions, £6 for children and free for under-threes. Save £1 on all admissions by booking in advance when you call Maidstone Tourist Information Centre on 01622 602169.

Smarden will be holding its annual parade at 6.45pm, followed by the firework display at 8pm.



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CELLOMAN

Monday, November 10
Canterbury Cathedral



STEP into a world of music when Celloman performs to raise money for charity.

The trio will regale the audience with a blend of Middle Eastern and African rhythms, Eastern and Western classically inspired melodies and hypnotic harmonies with funky bass guitar over percussion. The concert is being held in aid of the NSPCC and all profits will be donated to the charity.

Boasting a fine reputation for both its recordings and live shows, the band has performed at some of the country's biggest festivals as well as travelling to Serbia and Spain. Cellist Ivan Hussey was invited to perform a solo show at the International Cello Festival in Belgrade three years ago. He has also worked with big name artists such as Mick Jagger, Take That, M-People, Gabrielle, Duran Duran, Soul II Soul, The Lighthouse Family and the Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra.

The band's fourth album, *Sharptown*, was released earlier this year and the first single, *Streets Paved With Gold*, featuring the voice of British soul singer Shaun Escoffrey, caused a stir on the music scene.

Doors open at 6.30pm and tickets cost £13. To book 01227 378188.

MY GRANDFATHER'S GREAT WAR

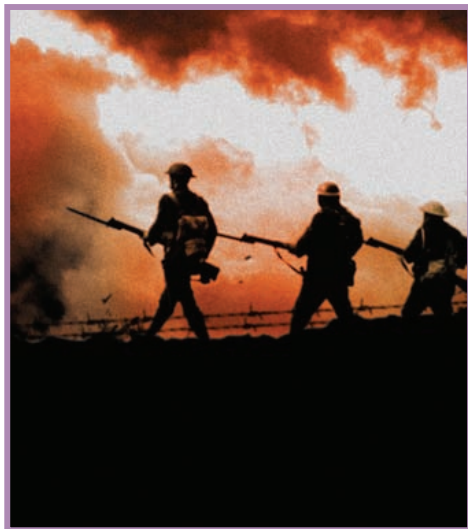
Sunday, November 9
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

TWO very different lives with a common bond meet in the drama *My Grandfather's Great War*.

As a fitting tribute to Remembrance Sunday, Cameron Stewart performs his one-man show based on the First World War diaries of his grandfather, Captain Alexander Stewart.

The solo drama blends the different perspectives of two men living at opposite ends of the 20th century, contrasting the horror of the war and today's notions of war and patriotism.

The diaries, which remained a family heirloom for 70 years and have been heard on Radio 4's Today programme, include frank accounts of life in the trenches. Last year Cameron published them online and after selling thousands of e-books, the diaries were published in hardback by Hodder & Stoughton in June, under



the title *A Very Unimportant Officer*.

There will be a post-show discussion with Cameron in the theatre. Tickets cost £11/£9. The show, which starts at 4pm, is suitable for

ages 11 and above. A Sunday roast lunch will be available in the Café Bar from noon to 3pm, priced at £6.50. To book tickets and make a lunch reservation, call the box office on 01227 769075.

when the Titanic struck an iceberg and began to sink.

The musical opened on Broadway in 1997 and won a number of Tony awards. It was reportedly the discovery of the Titanic's wreck in 1985 that prompted musician and lyricist Maury Yeston's interest in the famous story. A tragedy in which more than 1,500 people died was a controversial subject for a musical, but Yeston believed there was a great deal to be said for the hope and optimism that the Titanic's maiden voyage represented.

Tickets are priced from £11 to £15. To book call the box office on 01227 787787 or www.marlowetheatre.com.

TITANIC THE MUSICAL

Wednesday to Saturday, November 12-15
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

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SWALE LEISURE

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The event will be at the war memorial in Stone Street on Remembrance Sunday, starting at 10.50am. The parade and service will pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars, including many locals.

Musician to busk his way through club night

THERE is still time to catch a unique songwriter in action when Pete Morton visits Faversham Folk Club tonight.

Morton began his career as a busker on the streets of Europe and has entertained audiences all over the world with his dynamic and entertaining concerts. He will be appearing at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street at 8.30pm.

Tickets cost £6 for club members and £7 for non-members. For more information visit www.favershamfolkclub.net.

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HUNGER (15)



Lending a savage intimacy to the spirit of Bobby Sands – the IRA radical who spearheaded the Irish prison-strikes of 1981 – Hunger is a no-holds-barred immersion in human suffering. The film confines itself to the Maze prison in County Down, where Sands bitterly reveals he's been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3 (U)



High school seniors Troy (Zac Efron) and Gabriella (Vanessa Hudgens) face the prospect of separation as they head off to different colleges. Joined by the rest of the Wildcats, they stage an elaborate spring musical reflecting their experiences, hopes and fears about the future. Expect a song and dance extravaganza.

Ricky's having a laugh

BY SHEREEN LOW

RICKY Gervais has come a long way since playing nightmarish boss David Brent in *The Office*.

After becoming famous for Brent's social faux pas and terrible dancing, he's become a comedic force to be reckoned with around the world. *The Office* is one of the most successful British exports of all time and he has a number of awards to add to his name to prove it.

These days he mingles with Hollywood heavyweights like Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller and Samuel L Jackson, but you won't see the 47-year-old losing sight of his Reading roots.

"I've only been in this business for seven years and I still pinch myself, particularly with how well *The Office* did and the people we got to work in *Extras*," he says.

"I mean, it's still weird to me that even Robert De Niro has heard of me, let alone wants to fly to England for a day. It's very strange."

Ricky insists he won't lose himself to fame and fortune.

"I still know why I'm doing it. I do it for the creative process, and only that. This [speaking to the press] is fun, and awards shows are fun, and the money's good – actually, it's brilliant – but I do it because something in you has to do it. And I think you've got to remember that, otherwise it will be weird."

He adds, laughing: "You'll see me next year – I'll be about nine stone and big white teeth, Simon Cowell's teeth!"

Now the actor-writer-director is taking on his first leading Hollywood role in supernatural comedy *Ghost Town*, following



NO BRAD PITT: "I've got the bone structure, it's just well hidden," says Ricky Gervais

cameo appearances in *Stardust* and *Night At The Museum*.

"I never thought my first film would not be written by me or Stephen Merchant [collaborator on *The Office* and *Extras*]," he admits. "But quite simply I'd been offered hundreds of scripts over the last few years, and this is the best I've read in that time."

Ghost Town sees Ricky play a dentist who has the ability to

communicate with ghosts after a near-death experience, but he openly admits he's not into that in real life: "I don't believe in ghosts or fairies or ghouls or ESP or crystals or any of those things."

Another first for Ricky, described as the "master of the comedy of the uncomfortable", is playing the romantic hero, although he says his character is not a conventional male lead.

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"My fear was people thinking I'm taking myself seriously so it was important that the romantic element was different and awkward, and I just didn't want that ending where the music swells up and I get the girl in the traditional way, because it would be nauseating," he explains.

"People would go, 'Who does he think he is? Look at him'."

"I don't need to be George Clooney or Brad Pitt. I've got the bone structure, it's just well-hidden."

He may not be Brad, but Ricky has his own Angelina in TV producer and author Jane Fallon, whom he has been with for 26 years. The couple met while they were studying at university, and have homes in London and New York.

Ricky, whose next project is directing Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe and Jonah Hill in *This Side Of The Truth*, says his dream role would be playing a villain.

"I would love to play really crazy bad, the worst person ever, that would be funny," he reveals.

"Like Hannibal Lecter but with less moral conscience."



GHOST TOWN
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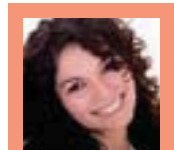


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Single mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5'8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, drinks, meals and more with. Box 439941 **✉**

HELLO THERE
I'm Helen, 33, 5'5, medium build, green eyes, enjoys music, cooking, seeking a lovely and lively male who enjoys life to the full. Box 443903 **✉**

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SEIZE THE DAY
Lovely female, 36, 5'8, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **✉**

MEND A BROKEN HEART
Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 **✉**

FROM ME TO YOU
Tall leggy brunette, 38, recently bereaved, enjoys meals out or nights in, dry white wine, a good movie & cuddles, seeking a male for companionship. Box 887404 **✉**

FUTURE FUN, PASSION & ADVENTURE!
Separated brilliant brunette, 39, single mum, 5'17, likes swimming and house music, WLTW a kind and considerate tall white male with dark shoulder length hair. Box 445684 **✉**

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **✉**

ANIMAL LOVER?
Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5'8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 43157 **✉**

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LOVING IT LARGE
Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTW a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803 **✉**

SIMILAR INTERESTS
Bubbly, divorced mum of 2, medium/large build, 5'4, I'm 44, have a GSOH and enjoy cinema, pubs, socialising, etc. Box 445420 **✉**

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Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5'5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks. WLTW a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751 **✉**

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44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar to here to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **✉**

EVERLASTING LOVE
Beautiful black female, 46, WLTW a caring, gentle and loving gentleman, 45-60, 5'10+, pref a bit sporty, for a everlasting relationship. Tunbridge Wells Box 445407 **✉**

SPONTANEOUS
Karen, 46, 5'3, medium build, likes keeping fit, getting out and about, travelling and a nice bottle of wine. WLTW light-hearted male for a LTR. Box 445745 **✉**

ETERNALLY YOURS
Easygoing woman, likes most things in life, country walks, films, cinema, cooking, I'm 46, 5'2, medium build, WLTW genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 **✉**

HAPPY GO LUCKY
Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy. Box 895019 **✉**

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Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTW gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397 **✉**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford, Box 443466 **✉**

HOPE AND LOVE FOREVER
Professional female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198 **✉**

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeking similar man, 42-50, Aylesford, Box 428833 **✉**

CARING & PROFESSIONAL
Female 49, 5'4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 46-55, Hastings Box 447100 **✉**

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE
Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, I'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892649 **✉**

JUST IMAGINE
Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893592 **✉**

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Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in! seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover Box 435441 **✉**

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FROM FRIENDSHIP
Hi I'm 46, 5'6, largest build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, devoted Mum, seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury, Box 440892 **✉**

AND ALL THAT JAZZ
Warm, radiant, witty, intelligent, attractive, black female, Christian, 44, likes music, jazz, travel, art, restaurants, theatre, seeking a cultured, N/S, intelligent, solvent gentleman. Box 433075 **✉**

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Quintessential English splendour

BY GARY WRIGHT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE is too often overlooked for its neighbour Warwickshire, which revels in its 'Heart of England' moniker.

And that's a mistake. Sharing as it does the rolling countryside and beautiful old world villages and houses that can only be England, the county deserves a visit.

Brilliant motorway access makes it easy to reach for a weekend break and there's a host of places to visit from Princess Diana's family home of Althorp Park to the famous Silverstone race circuit. There's also Rockingham Park, Boughton House and Holdenby Manor to while away a few delightful hours.

Be prepared to relax. Even as the autumn chill took hold, the roaring log fire in the beautiful Fawsley Hall hotel meant you could have been in another century.

The elegant Tudor mansion, just south of Daventry, claims Queen Elizabeth I as a former guest so you're in good company and when you decide to put down your gin and tonic and make your way to the restaurant, the food is magnificent. Trust the maitre'd and you will sample some truly delightful food, from a chicken liver and foie gras pate that was perfect, to beautifully presented sea bass or roast lamb that melted in the mouth.

The house was built by Richard Knightley in the 15th century and the suite used by Elizabeth I in 1575 can still be seen, with its high roof, sumptuous four-poster bed and deli-



RELAX: Fawsley Hall, perfect to explore the beautiful county of Northamptonshire

cately carved fireplace. And if you fancy a stroll, the picturesque parkland with its woods, lakes and sweeping lawns, was designed by Capability Brown in the 1760s and 70s. As you'd expect, there's a spa and fitness suite, but you'll be surprised there's also a cinema. Unfortunately we missed the 9.30pm film; the evening meal was just too good and the chance to sprawl again in front of the roaring log fire too appealing.

We shared our time in the county with a stay at nearby Hellidon Lakes. A more modern hotel that is popular with golfers and owned by the award-winning QHotel group, it too offered a splendid base from which to explore Northamptonshire.

But where should we visit? Princess Di's former home had some attraction, after all it has become a place of pilgrimage for so many and it seemed right to go and take a look. But on the recommendation of a fellow guest we

decided to take a look around nearby Canons Ashby. This Elizabethan manor house, run by the National Trust, and almost unaltered from how it would have looked in 1710, was beautiful with its period wall paintings and delicate Jacobean plasterwork.

It boasts a surprisingly grand church and the remains of the 12th century Augustinian priory from which the

house takes its name.

Food features high on any short break and alongside some excellent restaurants there are dozens of pubs offering great value grub.

Lunch came courtesy of the restaurant at the Plough Inn in the tiny village of Everdon. Great service in a traditional country pub that is as popular with locals as it is visitors.

The weekend drew to a close far too quickly and the 150-mile return drive to Kent. The M1 is easiest but a 35-minute detour toward the M40 out of the county into Warwickshire gives you a look at the castle or, of course, Stratford upon Avon for a little Shakespearean action.

What Northamptonshire offers is a genuine slice of England. All American visitors should be told to see it and the great part is it's so central you really can use it as a base to visit so many places.

Gary Wright was a guest at Hellidon Lakes, Fawsley Hall and The Plough Inn.

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Northamptonshire

Accessibility: Excellent transport links, within 2 hours drive of three quarters of the UK population

Where to stay: From small, friendly B&Bs, self catering cottages, campsites and farms, there are perfect places for a rural retreat, from 5 star luxury to a simple home from home. The county's magnificent selection of country house accommodation and spa hotels makes it the first choice destination for those who fancy a treat, from award-winning restaurants and top class spa facilities.

What to do: Annual events adds colour to the countryside, towns and villages all year round. Northamptonshire plays host to some of the UK's major historical events, and is home to four of the UK's top raceways. There are ancient market towns, farmers' markets, country parks, traditional pubs and award-winning restaurants as well as 2,000 miles of footpaths and thousands of acres of green open spaces to be explored.

For more details on attractions and offers see www.britainonshow.co.uk



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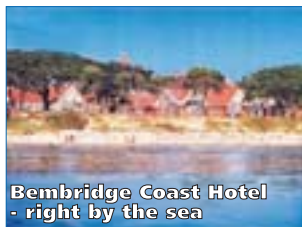
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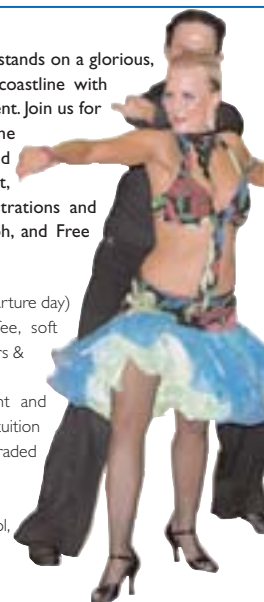
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LANDLORDS will need a licence-to-let and a business plan to take out a mortgage, under new proposals published by the Government.

In a report that could halt the activities of buy-to-let investors, independent housing policy experts recommended measures that would turn letting property into a business rather than a bit of cash on the side.

The review, designed to root out landlords who provide a poor standard of accommodation, also proposed tax incentives that could include changes to stamp duty and capital gains tax for professional landlords to encourage them to buy more properties.

Dr Julie Rugg, the author of the report, said: "We want to see a new culture of renting, where landlords view themselves as hands-on businesspeople not hands-off investors."

The licence would mean that landlords who fail to measure up could have points deducted or lose it altogether and be banned from letting property – rather in the manner of a driving licence

Slight increase in mortgage lending

MORTGAGE lending picked up slightly in September but remained near record lows as the housing market continued to struggle.

A total of 23,422 mortgages for house purchase were approved by British banks last month, up from a record low of 21,342 in August when summer holidays helped push figures down.

There was also more positive news as estate agents reported a slight rise in sales for the month.

Each agent sold an average of six properties in September, up from five in August – the first rise since January, according to the National Association of Estate Agents.

However, mortgage lending in September remained near the lowest on record and is below the six-month average of 27,481, the British Bankers' Association's figures show.

Upsurge raises hopes of market movement



STILL ACTIVE: Creativity and effort is the key to preventing business from stagnating and dispelling the gloom, according to property group Connells

PROPERTY group Connells has just celebrated its most successful sales and lettings month of the year in Kent – and it says it's not all doom and gloom in the county's housing market.

Staff say this shows recent initiatives have helped stimulate trade and make people aware moving is still an option.

They added that the rental market is also picking up and said as long as estate agents are realistic in what they expect to make and consider their prices carefully, the market need not stagnate.

Area partner Mark Weller said: "The results show that the property market in Kent is

■ BY NICK AMES

active and that large numbers of people are still moving or looking to rent.

"With the summer holidays over and people thinking about moving into a new place before Christmas, we have seen a surge not only in the number of instructions but also in tied-up sales.

"We expect this trend to continue as the recent reduction in interest rates could be just the incentive needed for those who were hesitating about buying.

"Houses will continue to sell, as long as vendors are realistic and their agent is prepared to work really hard on their behalf, using

every opportunity to bring a property to the attention of as many buyers as possible."

Other upsurges have been seen across the market. Canterbury was recently voted as having a continuing appeal to buyers.

David Bexon of SmartNewHomes.com said of the city: "Homebuyers are keen to buy into impressive history and status as a World Heritage Site.

"The local economy has grown substantially, with thousands of businesses based in the city centre and plenty of job opportunities."

Housebuilding is also going ahead in Ashford, which has been earmarked as a growth town.

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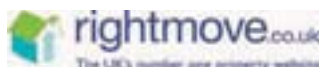
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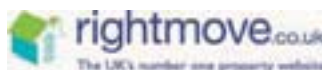


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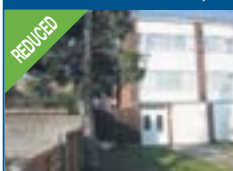
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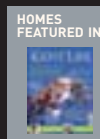


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Baby Alfa makes early arrival at Kent dealer

ALFA Romeo's sporty new MiTo supermini arrived at two Kent dealerships this week – two months ahead of official UK launch on January 24, 2009.

But the county's newest Alfa dealership, Lipscomb at Aylesford, Maidstone, and long-established Northgate at Canterbury have the order book open already on the charismatic Italian brand's new baby.

Prices start at £10,975 for the entry level Alfa MiTo 1.4 16V 95BHP Turismo and market watchers at the CAP valuation guide expect the MiTo to hold its value well – the Alfa MiTo 1.3 JTDM (diesel) Veloce should retain 47 per cent of value after three years/60,000 miles.



FG Barnes goes after sales drive with launch

VAUXHALL dealer FG Barnes has taken on the Chevrolet brand and celebrates with a major promotion next weekend.

The move follows closure of the nearby Dutton Forshaw Chevrolet at Parkwood, Maidstone, and will be marked by tempting deals on more than 100 approved used Chevrolets and Vauxhalls.

FG Barnes will also spend around £100,000 on a site revamp to accommodate the brand, with a formal Chevrolet opening in early January, coinciding with Vauxhall's launch of the all-new Insignia.



Captivating Chevy deal on until the end of year

CHEVROLET launched its spacious Captiva SUV last year with a fanfare – prices from £16,995, but closer inspection revealed that this was for the asthmatic front-wheel drive only petrol model.

Now Chevy is offering the more desirable fwd 2.0 VCDi LS diesel for the same price until the end of 2008, saving £1,450 against list price and bringing far better performance and economy – averaging around 40mpg – as well as delivering a high spec including alloys, quality stereo and roof rails.



LOOKING GOOD: Audi's latest generation A4 is a mixture of lifestyle estate and serious load lugger and its longer wheelbase has enabled the car to edge closer to BMW's 3-Series

Audi's A4 spaceship is a 'best drive' – at a price

AUDI created probably the biggest cabin in the compact executive class by launching the all-new A4 earlier this year.

The car's long wheelbase wheel-at-each-corner format has also enabled it to edge closer to the compact executive car leader, BMW's 3-series.

If it is still somewhere short of the rear-wheel drive Beemer for balance and driving pleasure, the gap can be bridged by all-wheel drive A4 Quattro models, for a modest premium of under £2,000 against two-wheel drive equivalents.

Little else is modest on the A4 line-up though once you start moving up from the underpowered sub-£20,000 118bhp 1.8-litre petrol entry model.

Trading up to a diesel takes the threshold to £22,150 and options will pile on the pounds; our seductive 3.0TDSI Quattro Avant (estate) test car in mid-range SE trim sells normally for £30,300, but leather seats – they should be standard at this level – add £1,765 and the money pit then opens up.

ROAD TEST AUDI A4

BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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Our lavishly-spec'd car struggled to justify its £41,590 price tag.

Where A4 cabin feels well-made, roomy and durable at the £20,000 end of the market, it looks hideously over-priced at the other end.

Enough about shortcomings though, because there is plenty to laud too and especially when equipped with the creamy six-cylinder 237bhp 3.0TDSI diesel – the perfect riposte to claims that petrol engines are still best for refinement.

There is lots of pulling power on tap and the Quattro system transfers this tidily to the road to deliver 0-62mph in 6.3 seconds and a great drive – one of best on test this year.

The long wheelbase, wide track, low-slung stance and light weight plant the car well on the road and it corners with a flat stance and lovely poise, again aided by the Quattro system.

The ride is not harsh though and the A4 feels classy on the motorway, helped by that big cabin and, if fitted, the £1,100 'Open Sky' panoramic sunroof.

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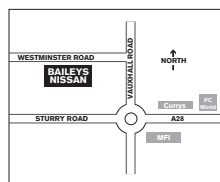


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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FAMILY CARS

THIS sector used to dominate the UK car market, but sales have been eroded by new categories such as the 4x4 sports utility vehicle and MPV or 'people carrier' and encroachment by upmarket compact executive models like the BMW 3-Series, which now outsells the former UK market leader – the Ford Mondeo. Nevertheless, many second-hand buyers still like the idea of a spacious, comfortable and more conventional family runabout and prices can be very affordable, so here are three popular and contrasting sellers based on ability and value.

FORD MONDEO



ONCE the UK's favourite car, its fall from favour reflects changing tastes rather than the Mondeo's ability. The car's greatest weakness has been the badge – something the latest generation tries to overcome with Germanic quality. Nevertheless, the previous car was well-built, superb to drive and incredibly spacious. Apart from the best-selling hatchback there is a saloon and one of the roomiest and estates in the sector, plus a massive range of engines.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROEN C5



CITROEN'S latest C5 is a stunning looking car inside and lives up to ads suggesting that 'the Germans' may be worried. The old car was less of a threat, but never mind the looks – look at the prices. The original C5 has actually proved to be a reliable and great value used buy, with a pliant ride and loads of space – the estate is enormous for anyone needing to cart lots of stuff. Diesel C5s are the star buy.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VW PASSAT



VW'S previous Passat set a higher benchmark for quality and the new version raised the bar again. The German giant recognised that the best way to counter upmarket rivals, including sister marque Audi, was by upping the standard of the overall package. So the new Passat is more spacious, drives better than the previous model and looks good. Factor in some of the best engines, petrol or diesel, saloon or capacious estate, plus modest used prices and it looks irresistible.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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AUDI

A4 SPORT, ex15egy, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, air conditioning, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, stereo, electric windows, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, grey metallic, 94000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 2DR, 2002, trim: leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, green, 14000 miles, £14995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

TT, QUATTRO, 2003, trim: leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, silver, 41000 miles, £13995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

BMW

3 SERIES, 325CI CONV AUTO, 22188186, titanium silver, 0 miles, £11000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

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FIAT

COUPE, 2.0 16V, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1935, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.2 Dynamic 8v, ex05mxc, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, child locks, twin air bags, colour coded body, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, blue, 28000 miles, £4990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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JAGUAR

X-TYPE, V6 3.0 SE AUTOMATIC, 51 (with private plate), 01 (p/p) jaguar x-type v6 3.0 se auto, metallic sky blue coachwork with cream leather trim, usual jaguar refinements to include: power seats, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, cd multiplayer with additional harman kardon hi-fi pack, multiple air bags, adjustable steering position, alloy wheels etc. etc. only £3895, metallic blue, 51000 miles, £8995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

JEEP

GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDi GS 5dr, g107wyp, air-conditioning, abs + ebd, air cd player, insurance group:10, red, 17900 miles, £3994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 90 TD5 Soft Top, g517oe, power steering, tow pack, cd player, alloy wheels, 4x4, side hinged tailgate, stickers on sides of vehicle are removable, road tax is £210 per year on this vehicle, green, 18000 miles, £11995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, 6T 5dr, v674dn, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 87000 miles, £2599, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1.8 M, 678461, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, metallic paintwork, electric windows, locking wheel nuts, centre armrest, twin air bags, cd player, stereo, 14" alloys, racing green, 68000 miles, £4299, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MX-5, Icon, ef05yom, remote central locking, full leather, heated seats, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, cd player, radio, 15" alloys, bronze, 10000 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1.8 Nevada 2dr, g003cxf, abs, electric front windows, cd player, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, full leather, centre armrest, heated seats, sports seats, power steering, air bag, twin air bags, electric aerial, automatic electric windows, electric mirrors, radio, stereo, 16" alloys, silver, 32993 miles, £2250, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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MINI COOPER S, 06, perfect condition, low mileage, 1 lady owner from new, pepper white / black roof, 9200 miles, £13225, Canterbury, 07730 666223 (PRIVATE)

COOPER S, 1.6 3 DR, 2002, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, blue, 42000 miles, £3995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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KUBISTAR, S deCI 70, 870182, side load door, ply-lined, cd player, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, electric windows, white, 25000 miles, £4395, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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106, INDEPENDANCE, 2000, green with black, 43968 miles, £2195, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

206, 1.4 SE 3dr Tip Auto (DAC+CC), 125482127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, onyx black, 25713 miles, £5495, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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MEGANE, Oasis 1.4, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, blue, 31000 miles, £8995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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MEGANE, Dynamique 1.6, 2007, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, extreme blue, 11363 miles, £7995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

MEGANE, Privilege 1.6 5 dr, 2007, trim: part leather engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, mercury, 13419 miles, £3495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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MEGANE, Dynamique + 1.6 Cabriolet, 2006, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, flame red, 13400 miles, £10995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

ROVER

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ALTO, GL 1.0 5dr Man, g154kaj, cloth upholstery, head restraints, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, power steering, trip computer, abs, twin air bags, electric front windows, stereo, silky silver metallic, 13500 miles, £2599, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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VAUXHALL

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Closing date: 7/11/08

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Location: Ashford
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Closing date: 10/11/08

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Band: 8b
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Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
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Closing date: 10/11/08

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Salary: £14,834 to £17,732 pa
Band: 3
Hours: 18.5
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Closing date: 10/11/08

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Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
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Family Planning Nurse

Salary: £24,103 to £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: Annualised hours
Location: Sheppey, Sittingbourne, Medway Area and West Kent
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Closing date: 10/11/08

Family Planning Nurse

Salary: £24,103 to £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: Annualised hours
Location: Sheppey, Sittingbourne, Medway Area and West Kent
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Firms clamping down on 'social networking'

ONE in three firms in southern England has tough policies for stopping staff social networking, according to new research.

UK firms are the strictest in Europe for not allowing staff to access Facebook and other social networking sites at work.

A new report by mobile network provider 3 reveals that millions of us are social networking during office hours.

Thirty per cent of people in the region surf social networking sites while at work and experts have now coined the term 'social networking' to describe the trend.

It has reached endemic proportions but bosses aren't impressed, with many now imposing official restrictions.

Contract hard sell

BUSINESSES are still overlooking one of the most critical parts of a firm – IT support – says a county expert.

Stuart Kenny, director of Liquid Knowledge in Ashford, said: "Many businesses renew their IT contract habitually and have found their contracts are either lacking in terms of support or far exceed their requirements."

"Basic hardware warranties offer limited peace of mind as modern IT equipment is robust and stable."

"Only 10 per cent of all warranty claims involve hardware. The other 90 per cent relate to software and it is only when software problems have to be resolved that the business owner realises their warranty is hardware-based only."

Data security deficit

A LARGE part of the South East's workforce does not know how or where personal and company data is stored.

They also do not understand the importance of keeping data secure, according to a survey commissioned by data centre and computer room specialists Migration Solutions. Almost half of respondents surveyed had never heard of data centres.

And 39 per cent had no idea where their company data was stored, while 45 per cent of respondents believed their company's data was stored on the server.

Half were unsure if their company backed up its data, while a tenth knew for sure that their company did not.

A quarter believed a long-term IT disaster at head office, such as flood or fire, would have no impact on the business at all.

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Savers batten down the economic hatch



■ BY TONY PATEY

MORE than three-quarters of South East small-business owners are holding onto their cash rather than making immediate decisions about investment because of economic uncertainties.

According to new research by Bank of Scotland Business Banking, over the next 12 months, two in five plan to put aside money for future investment in the business, while a third plan to put aside money in savings to earn interest.

A third plan to put aside money for insurance against hard times and a further worsening in economic conditions.

Britain's small-business owners are currently saving more than £1 billion every month, and a quarter of SMEs in the South East are investing more back into their business than they are saving.

Slightly more are saving and investing in equal amounts, and only one in eight is saving more each month than they are investing back into the business. A third of small-business owners are neither saving nor investing.

Peter Wood, head of strategy and products at Bank of Scotland Business Banking, said: "In a more cautious economic climate, where saving is prioritised over investment, it's vital that SMEs find the best home for their surplus cash."

Meantime, with individuals, almost a third of people in the South East have changed spending habits in the last six months and spent less to cope with the credit crunch – and the region now has the biggest savers.

The average savings balance is £15,493 compared with a national average of £12,703. Scots are reckoned to be the worst savers, with an average stash of £9,939.

Figures released by Lloyds TSB Consumer Banking reveals that more than half of respondents in the region are taking action to clear their debts. Individuals in the South East have, on average, unsecured debt of £2,800, slightly above the national average of £2,771.

A third have increased the amount they pay off each month, compared with only 24 per cent in the North East – the UK's most indebted region.

However, when it comes to long-term saving, 32 per cent of respondents say they do not have a pension, while 57 per cent admit they are concerned about not having enough money for retirement.

In fact, one in five of inhabitants in the region has less than £500 in their savings, leaving them potentially vulnerable to financial difficulty in these uncertain times.

Over half of savers in the South East say they are putting money aside for a rainy day or emergencies. Almost a third are saving for holidays and 27 per cent are putting money away for their retirement. One in five say they are saving for future increases in household bills.

PENNY WISE: Savers in the South East are the canniest in the country


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Needless penalties prove costly for Bourne

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FEW CHANCES: Sittingbourne failed to score against Old Olavians

ATROCIOUS weather conditions at the Grove meant free-flowing rugby was hard to come by for Sittingbourne at the weekend.

With the howling wind and rain lashing down it was always going to be a tough encounter and so it proved. Olavians had by far the better of the territory and possession in the first half, regularly capitalising on Bourne's ill-discipline to kick the home side back into their own 22.

The dreadful weather meant free-flowing rugby was not the order of the day and the half became attritional with neither side creating any clear-cut opportunities.

Indeed, it was Bourne's tendency to give away needless penalties which was their undoing, as the Olavians kicker either drilled the ball into the corners to maintain pressure or, on three occasions, slotted the

RUGBY

Sittingbourne 0 Old Olavians 9

ball through the posts for nine well-taken points. With Olavians having the best of the territory, it was a credit to Bourne's defence that they managed to prevent Olavians from crossing their try line, but Bourne could not put together the phases to threaten Olavians at the other end.

The second half saw Bourne reverse the trend of the first half and start to generate some momentum, pinning Olavians back into their own half.

The home side used their forwards a lot more, picking and driving in close, with Chris Tombs and Rob McNamara particularly

effective in gaining ground.

With Bourne also dominating the scrums, the steady supply of ball gave them momentum to put real pressure on Olavians and they spent a lot of the second period in or around the away side's 22. However, similar to the first half, the Olavians defence was excellent and Bourne didn't really look like crossing their line.

The last 20 minutes were very much an onslaught from Bourne, smashing away in close and forcing Olavians to tackle for their lives, but the try chances just would not come. With Bourne also hitting the post with two Scott Truss penalty efforts, it just wasn't their day and Olavians deserve credit for taking their chances.

Sittingbourne are at home to Erith next week in their next Kent 1 league game.

Milton slump against high-flying Orpington

MILTON & Fulston United continue to struggle in the Kent County Premier Division as they were soundly beaten 6-2 at home to league leaders Orpington.

It was the newly-formed side's eighth defeat of the season as they remain second from bottom in the Premier Division.

The Sittingbourne side take on fellow strugglers Snodland at the weekend, while bottom side Sheerness East, who are still yet to claim a point this season, travel to Stansfield O & B Club.

AFC Sheppey are still in the hunt for a promotion spot in Division One East after they drew 1-1 at Otford. The islanders return to action on Saturday when they face Lydd Town at home.

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Town reserves battle to draw against Bay

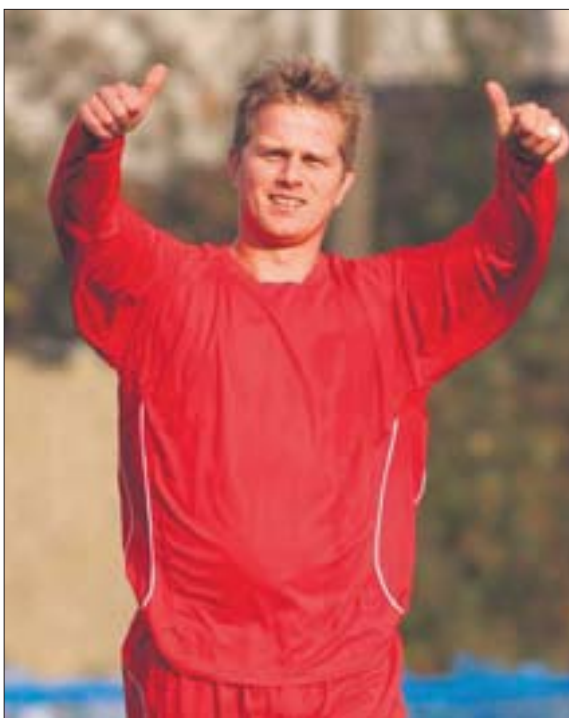
MIKE McKenna hit a brace for Faversham Town reserves in a 2-2 draw with Herne Bay on Saturday.

In atrocious conditions at Salters Lane, Town's second string showed good application with McKenna earning his side a draw with two goals which included a penalty.

The club's first team were without a game at the weekend as their Premier Division Cup second leg game with Beckenham Town was postponed.

The game is due to be played on November 22 at a venue to be decided.

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HANDS UP: Ben Taylor (above) had no excuses for a poor Norton Sports performance which saw them sent crashing from the Kent Premier Division Cup by Herne Bay



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

Taylor concedes Norton were beaten by the better side

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

Norton Sports 0

Herne Bay 4

Harvey, 20, Marsden, 30, King, 80, Bremner, 87



just didn't take them. They taught us a bit of a lesson really."

Boss Taylor hinted his players lacked the necessary focus for a match which was always going to be difficult given the result of the first leg - even though they were playing on the pitch which they share with their opponents.

He said: "I think we deserved something out of the first leg, but everyone seemed up for it going into the second leg.

Norton starting XI



Subs used: Jack Goodger, Jon Emmerson, Michael Green

"When you play against a team on form it is always going to be difficult, but playing the game on a Friday night - I felt that maybe some of our players had one eye on the evening and that they could go out clubbing afterwards. Take nothing away from Herne Bay though, they adapted much better to playing the game on a Friday night and deserved it."

Norton return to league action on Saturday when they travel to Slade Green. Kick-off is at 3pm.

Abbott admits interest in vacant Margate job

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

WHILE Gary Abbott's stock rises at Sittingbourne, the Brickies boss continues to be linked to vacant jobs across the county.

Having led Sittingbourne to the brink of the play-offs last season and with his young side occupying a place in the top six for the majority of this campaign, it's hardly surprising the former Welling and Aldershot striker's name crops up when a job becomes available.

He was linked to the Welling post last season, before Andy Ford took the job and guided the Wings to safety, and he was on a list of preferred candidates on Margate's fans' forum after Robin Trott was sacked in April.

Now Barry Ashby and player/coach Paul Smith have suffered the same fate at Hartsdown Park, the rumour mill is once again up and running and with Abbott's ability to attract good Ryman players on a small budget, it's not surprising he has been linked once again.

The 43-year-old, who took over from Steve Lovell a year ago this month, told Yourswale he would not be applying for the job with the Blues, but hasn't ruled it out if he was approached.

He said: "To be honest I have looked at it down there and I know what's happening with them being in debt. I would not be going for it but if Margate rang me up, it might be a different story. It would certainly be a step up the ladder for me.

"Andy Spice [chairman] knows where I



IN DEMAND: Sittingbourne boss Gary Abbott says a move to Margate would be a step up the managerial ladder

stand. He knows I won't be there forever and we are quite open about it, I'm ambitious and would one day like a full-time job in management, but I'm no different to anybody else."

But before any Brickies fans get too worried about losing their enigmatic boss, Abbott said he wants to stay with Sittingbourne as he feels he has a job to finish at Bourne Park.

"I'm happy with what we are doing," he said. "I think I am doing quite a good job at

Sittingbourne and on our day we can beat anyone in our league - we can make those play-offs. No one gave us a hope at the start of the season but we are there or thereabouts again.

"I have learned a lot about management. I spoke to Richard Brady [assistant manager] and he agreed that I needed to stand back from the banter with the players. At the start I wanted to be one of them, but you can't do that and I couldn't do the job I wanted to do."

HOCKEY



Picture JAC CONNELLY

CONTENDERS: Gore Court (in yellow) are still unbeaten

Six of the best highlight Court's title credentials

GORE Court remain unbeaten and sit top of South Hockey League 2 after another heavy win at the weekend.

The Sittingbourne side travelled to play London Wayfarers 2nd XI where they put in a good team effort to come away with a 6-2 victory and proved their credentials as genuine promotion contenders.

The visitors started strongly and scored after less than a minute after a fine run and finish from Adam Hart. However, moments later the Wayfarers hit back with a well worked goal of their own. Court then weathered a period of sustained pressure from the home team before they created an opportunity for Greg Laurenson to put Court 2-1 ahead. Again Wayfarers fought back and levelled with a good strike. Court however continued to press forward and from their first short corner, Aaron Glass fired the ball into the roof of the net. With only minutes to go until half-time, Court won another corner and Glass duly converted, giving his side a 4-2 lead at the interval.

The visitors have been working hard on their defensive play recently and set out to defend their lead in the second half. As the game wore on Court were able to dominate possession as Wayfarers, hampered by a couple of injuries and a temporary suspension, ran out of ideas. The finishing touches to a fine win were added by another Glass corner conversion and an unlikely strike from Nick Wilcher which rifled in to the bottom corner.

With two home games in the next two weeks, Court are keen to maintain their unbeaten run and keep their position as league leaders.

LEAGUE TABLES

(Not including midweek games)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Kingstonian	13	10	3	0	+23	33
2 Metropolitan Police	15	7	6	2	+11	27
3 Folkestone Invicta	14	7	4	3	+6	25
4 Cray Wanderers	13	7	3	3	+5	24
5 Godalming Town	14	7	2	5	+10	23
6 Merstham	14	7	2	5	+1	23
7 Sittingbourne	13	7	1	5	-1	22
8 Fleet Town	12	5	5	2	+7	20
9 Eastbourne Town	14	6	2	6	+4	20
10 Walton & Hersham	14	6	2	6	0	20
11 Ashford Town	15	4	6	5	+5	18
12 Burgess Hill Town	12	5	3	4	+5	18
13 Worthing	11	5	3	3	+3	18
14 Dulwich Hamlet	12	5	3	4	+3	18
15 Leatherhead	14	5	3	6	-9	18
16 Whitstable Town	15	4	2	9	-17	14
17 Whyteleafe	12	4	1	7	-5	13
18 Walton Casuals	13	3	3	7	-8	12
19 Chipstead	11	2	4	27	-9	10
20 Corinthian-Casuals	15	2	4	9	-14	10
21 Croydon Athletic	13	2	3	8	-9	9
22 Crowthorne Ath	13	2	3	8	-11	9

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Hythe Town	10	8	2	0	+17	26
2 Holmesdale	11	8	2	1	+12	26
3 Tunbridge Wells	10	7	0	3	+5	21
4 Erith & Belvedere	7	5	1	1	+3	16
5 Greenwich Borough	10	5	1	4	-1	16
6 Faversham Town	9	5	0	4	+9	15
7 Deal Town	10	4	2	4	0	14
8 Horne Bay	10	4	1	5	+4	13
9 Croydon	9	4	1	4	+1	13
10 Norton Sports	10	4	1	5	-6	13
11 Erith Town	7	4	0	8	+6	12
12 Sevenoaks Town	10	3	3	4	-2	12
13 Beckenham Town	12	3	2	7	-3	11
14 Slade Green	10	3	2	5	-3	11
15 VCD Athletic	8	3	0	5	0	9
16 Lordswood	7	0	0	7	-16	0
17 Sporting Bengal	8	0	0	8	-26	0

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman Division One South - Burgess Hill Town v Sittingbourne; Kent League Premier Division - Greenwich Borough v Faversham Town; Slade Green v Norton Sports

Bourne frustrated by weather

FOOTBALL

Sittingbourne 1

Akhazzan 19

Walton Casuals 1

Platel 38

Match abandoned in 45th minute

SITTINGBOURNE'S game with Walton Casuals was called off at the weekend due to huge puddles that formed on the Bourne Park pitch.

The referee stopped the game on the stroke of half-time as the pitch was deemed unplayable.

The game was 1-1 at the break with goals coming from Hicham Akhazzan and an equaliser through Daniel Platel.

The pitch looked playable before kick-off, but once the game started the unrelenting rain created puddles, making it almost impossible for the ball to move across the surface.

The conditions were having a big effect on the game as both sets of players tried to come to terms with the swirling wind and heavy rain. One large gust of wind caught a Craig Lewington cross from the right that had Sittingbourne goalkeeper Matt Reed back peddling and forced the home side's stopper to tip the ball over the bar.

Reed was called into action again after 19 minutes when Platel engineered a chance for himself on the edge of the box before firing an effort on goal that Reed did well to beat away.

The home side, who were looking to make it back-to-back wins at Bourne Park, opened the scoring with their first attack on the Casuals' goal.

An excellent lay off from Colin Richmond in the 29th minute fed Hicham Akhazzan in on the edge of the box and the winger let fly



FALSE HOPE: Hicham Akhazzan celebrating a goal that will have to be chalked off

Picture IGOR KUPCO

Sittingbourne starting XI



with an absolute peach of a strike that arched into the opposite corner of the net.

The lead didn't last long as the visitors equalised seven minutes before the break. Dwain Williams fired in a low cross from the right which was dispatched by Daniel Platel from the six yard box.

It was effectively the last action of the half as the referee called a halt to the play.

Sittingbourne return to action on Saturday with a trip to Burgess Hill Town.

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